

In light of recent security related events in Davao, MCIAA and GMCAC, in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) - Aviation Security Unit – Region 7 (AVSEU-7), and the Office of Transportation Security (OTS) - Mactan, have instituted Heightened Security Measures at the Mactan-Cebu International Airport (MCIA). This is in response to the current assessed threat level at essential public utilities such as airports. While there is no specific threat to MCIA at the moment, the measures are precautionary in nature and are designed to ensure the best possible level of protection is afforded to passengers and staff at the Airport. The measures that have been introduced with immediate effect include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The PNP-AVSEU-7 is on Full Alert in consonance with the PNP national directive;
- Increased police visibility in the Terminal and outside the Terminal. An MCIAA SWAT Team maintains regular patrols around the area.
- Vehicles entering MCIA complex are stopped and checked at PAGASA Checkpoint, backed up by a Lapu-lapu City PNP SWAT Team;
- The Office of Transportation Security (OTS) is on Heightened Alert levels – there shall be increased frequency of random frisking at the Security Screening (X-ray) Areas;
- Airport and Customer Services staff are directed to remain vigilant and always on the look-out for unusual or suspicious activities with particular focus on unattended bags.
- Social Media messages advising passengers to allow more time for airport processes due to heightened security measures.

MCIAA, GMCAC, PNP-AVSEU-7, and OTS-Mactan are asking for the public's understanding on the added inconvenience passengers and other airport users will be exposed to. These security measures are imposed due to the recent events in southern Philippines and are intended to ensure the best possible protection of our citizens and stakeholders. We apologize for whatever inconvenience this caused even as we ask for everybody's cooperation in these trying times.